

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE
CITY OF LAS VEGAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: Barbara A. Casey
David L. Romero
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
Vincent Howell

ALSO PRESENT: Ann Marie Gallegos, Interim City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
David Silva, Acting City Attorney
Chris Lopez, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Romero asked for a moment of silence in order for everyone to reflect on their own faith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes for March 14th Special, March 14th Work Session and March 28th Special, 2018. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that she had no appointments or reports at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón took the opportunity to recognize and thank Councilor David Romero for his commendable 8 years of service to the City of Las Vegas and congratulated him for being there for the community.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón recognized and congratulated the future Ward 4 Councilor, David G. Romero for running a formidable race.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marshall Poole with the Animal Welfare Coalition gave a detailed monthly report for March 2018. Mr. Poole advised that April 8-14 was National Animal Control Officer Week and thanked both San Miguel County Animal Control Officers and the City of Las Vegas Animal Control Officers, Consuelo Gallegos and Levy Lujan for their hard work and added they both would be attending training in Gallup on June 5th. He informed that they now had a new relationship with the Santa Fe Animal Shelter and one of their private donors who were supporting the AWC and along with grant money, they would be able to offer the spay/neuter service to the citizens of Las Vegas for \$25 or waive the fee for those who could not afford it. He

expressed the importance of controlling unwanted animals throughout the city by spay and neutering and reported that the AWC along with the New Mexico Dog Bite Prevention & Safety class was recently conducted at Rio Gallinas School with 5 Sheriff's Deputies and Consuelo Gallegos attending.

Pamela G. Daves spoke on behalf of the "Amor de la Tierra Gardening Club" and new President Diana Springer. She advised that seven years ago MainStreet decided to help beautify the City and enhance businesses with planting trees on Douglas Street and that the City was very instrumental in watering the trees. Ms. Daves stated that many of those trees were now dying and advised that they would expend \$200 to water the trees and hoped that the City would also help in watering the trees and in maintaining the beauty that was established on Douglas Street.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón took the opportunity to congratulate Councilor David Ulibarri on his election.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that to her knowledge, the trees were being watered although the strong winds may be part of the issue and stated she would follow-up with the Public Facilities Department.

PRESENTATIONS

Chuck Brown with Sunrise Medical Group spoke briefly regarding the new medical clinic in Las Vegas based out of Santa Rosa, New Mexico and advised that they offer a successful non surgical pain clinic in Santa Rosa and were expanding into the Albuquerque area. Mr. Brown informed that Sunrise Medical Group intends to be a great citizen, involved with the youth projects and already involved with Las Vegas First and added that their interest was to provide quality health care in this area of the state.

Mo Bravo spoke briefly regarding the process of opening up a clinic in Las Vegas and advised he had been in communication with Dr. Jesus Tafoya as being the provider. He stated that it was in agreement that Dr. Tafoya was needed and reported that the contract and opening of the clinic came to fruition in 26 days, which was unusual. Mr. Bravo stated they were extremely lucky to have a great team, the support of Dr. Brown and staff, Dr. Tafoya and everyone who took part in making this happen.

Dr. Jesus Tafoya thanked the Governing Body and acknowledged his medical assistant for all her hard work. He stated he wanted to give medical care in his hometown and was thankful to the community for all their support during his career.

Dr. Tafoya thanked everyone for their efforts in contributing to the preparation of the medical building and advised that his ultimate goal was tackling the opioid crisis, a big problem plaguing our city and country and that in the past there were not too many options although that there were now other alternatives in treating pain. Dr. Tafoya informed that the pain clinic in Santa Rosa had been a huge tool in helping getting patients off of medications and addressing the problem. He advised that other services offered would be local allergy testing and counselling services which would be a huge service to the community and were also looking at getting more mid-level providers in order to offer medical services to the whole community.

Dr. Tafoya stated that there was a lot of potential for growth of the clinic and was excited about the future, wanted to build strong roots here in Las Vegas and was happy that he was asked to do this because he was very passionate about our community.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that one of the issues discussed at the time they met with Mr. Bravo was the addition of a treatment center in the future and asked for his thoughts on that matter.

Dr. Tafoya advised that it had not been discussed yet although thought that it was a reasonable thing to consider due to Las Vegas and surrounding areas need for a treatment center. He advised that he would have to consult Dr. Brown and his team in regards to this issue.

Professor Edward Martinez and Elizabeth Juarros gave a detailed presentation regarding the Hermit's Peak Water Association's river restoration work and how it positively impacts our water security. Professor Martinez spoke of the importance of the collaboration between HPWA, City of Las Vegas and other entities regarding assistance and support in the enhancement of the Gallinas River Walk. He informed that the project would include: Recreation, Health & Wellness, Safety, Maintenance of the Trail, Run-Off issues and Partnership with local business owners.

Professor Martinez advised that the HPWA had received funding to be used to restore the section of the river between Bridge and Prince Streets and added that this would be a long term plan and that the goal was to come up with more funding. He recommended that the City appoint an individual to work closely with the Hermit's Peak Watershed Alliance as a part of this collaborative.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón commended the work the HPWA had done on the river walk, she advised the City had worked on funding and staffing regarding the river walk project before and looked forward to the collaboration. She stated that Interim City Manager Gallegos would follow up on a City representative that would attend meetings.

Councilor Howell asked Professor Martinez if they had scheduled public input meetings.

Professor Martinez advised that they had scheduled public input meetings and they intended to present this same presentation to many different stakeholders as well as conducting educational workshops.

Ms. Juarros informed that monthly "Steering Committee" meetings" for the Gallinas River Park Collaborative would be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at Hewett Hall.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Fire Chief Billy Montoya provided the governing body with information related to fire dangers and stated he would be reporting on fire dangers that were occurring. He advised they would be reaching out to the public regarding that there is "No Open" burns allowed within the City limits and advised that the "No Burn" Ordinance had been in effect for several years. Fire Chief Montoya advised that they would be notifying the public by radio, the City's website and in the Las Vegas Optic.

Fire Chief Montoya advised he attended several summits and trainings that covered all levels from Municipalities to Federal regarding the protection of watersheds and would talk with Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry regarding the City's watershed. He explained that the National Interagency Fire Center provided Predictive Services-Outlook Period for March, April, May, and June 2018 which indicated

New Mexico to be in severe drought and that the City needed to take the proactive approach.

Fire Chief Montoya reported that the National Weather Service map indicated the drought persisting throughout New Mexico and neighboring states as well. He advised that San Miguel County had imposed a "No Burn" Resolution throughout the entire county and spoke of the Fireworks Ordinance and the restrictions that may be considered in June, and informed that a resolution may be brought to the Governing Body in the event that the drought conditions may persist, to possibly consider a City ban on fireworks.

Fire Chief Montoya informed that he had recently attended a FEMA course regarding Continuity of Government which related to plans and procedures in the event of a catastrophic emergency. He advised that the plan was compared to the City's Emergency Plan with the Office of Emergency Management although was more detailed. Fire Chief Montoya advised that the course focused on planning, organizing and equipping, training, exercising and evaluating. He stated that at the time of an emergency we need to take the proactive approach and exercise the plans in place with a better success rate.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry gave a brief overview of the "4 Wards in 4 Weeks" clean up program and reported that 337 people helped in the project which included City employees, Councilors and residents. She advised that 59,727 pounds of trash was collected in all four wards, the City spent \$12,000.00 on man hours, transportation fees and disposal costs and stated that this was a good project and would hopefully take place a couple of times a year and looked forward to reinstituting the "Keep America Beautiful" program. Utilities Director Gilvarry thanked Capital Scrap, Franken Company, New Mexico True, JC's Pizza and everyone who assisted City staff in this project.

Brief discussion took place on issues regarding graffiti in areas of the community.

Media Coordinator Virginia Marrujo gave a brief update on the 4th of July Fiestas reporting that the entertainment schedule was almost complete, 85% of vendors almost in, parade and Reina applications had been sent out. Ms. Marrujo advised that they would be having a Fiesta Committee meeting this week and she had been following up with Fire Chief Montoya regarding the fireworks. She reported that this would be a 6 day event and that the priority was to keep employees participating and staying within the budget.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that once they had a final Fiesta schedule, they would bring to the Governing Body to make changes if needed.

Councilor Howell asked if there had been any preparation regarding the Little League District Tournaments in June and asked if there was any marketing done for the event.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the Parks Department had been watering and preparing the fields for the tournaments and they would first contact Little League personnel and inspection of the fields would take place by the State before marketing would begin.

Further discussion took place regarding the Little League Tournaments and 4th of July Fiestas.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega gave a detailed report on Las Vegas Day at the Legislature, she advised that the event was solely funded through contributions and sponsorships from schools and local businesses. She reported that the total from contributions/sponsorships was \$22,900.00 and expenditures came in at 22,470.00.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that it was outstanding that funding was raised for the event without having to effect the actual budget.

Interim City Manager Gallegos gave a lengthy detailed report regarding City projects which included:

Public Works-Hangar Doors

Senior Centers-Applications to Capital Outlay for needed equipment

Lodger's Tax Advisory Board-Budget Recommendations 208-2019

Human Resource Dept.-Summer Youth Program-50 Hires

Recreation Center-Positive Cash Balance, Applications for Summer Youth Grants, Summer Programs

Museum-Easter Egg Hunt Event (Staff hid 10, 000 eggs)

I.T. Dept.-Communication System Update (Phone system-June), Work Order System

Police Dept.-Shooting Range Grant, Re-establishing Region IV Program

Community Development Dept.-CDBG Grant (ICIP-Hot Springs Boulevard Project)

Utilities Dept.-Bradner Dam Project (Ongoing and meeting deadlines)

Solid Waste-KAB-Application for funding submitted

ICIP Plan-Due date September 4, 2018

Out for Bids-South Grand Avenue Project & E. Romero Fire Museum

GRT Increase-from construction projects

Finance Dept.-A-2 Bond Rating from Moody's Investor Service

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that Department Directors were working on departmental budgets and hearings would be scheduled. Interim City Manager Gallegos further reported that there was a decrease in Workman's Compensation rate and a 4% increase in Health Benefits. She informed that the Recreation Department Fee Schedule was available, the closing on the Castaneda property was quickly approaching, and scheduling a meeting with AWC would take place.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that Arbor Day was on April 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at El Creston Park and encouraged the governing body to attend and stated that they would be meeting with OEM and the San Miguel County Manager. She reported that Paul Cassidy the City's Financial Advisor would be retiring and would be replaced by Eric Holden, advised that financing was ongoing to complete the Storrie Lake project and that there was a 600 day water supply for the City, using 1.5 million gallons a day.

Utilities Director Gilvarry explained that water coming off the river in conjunction with what we have in storage gave us the 600 days and added that the City voluntarily stayed off the river for 29 days in the month of March and was working with the Acequias, giving them a chance to wet their fields and prepare for the agricultural season. She advised they had started the rotation schedule for April and advised that the City was staying at the minimum although eventually would have to take what was authorized.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for the rate that was given to the City by Moody's Investor Service and asked if the City would meet the 45-day requirement for the budget report.

Interim City Manager Gallegos informed that the rate given was an A-2 and advised that they would meet the 45-day deadline.

FINANCE REPORT

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega presented the Finance Report for the month ending March 31, 2018 (75% of Year Lapsed) reporting 78% revenue in the General Fund and expenditures at 64%.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that the Recreation Department Revenue came in at 57% and expenditures were at 59%.

Interim Finance Director Vega informed that revenue for the Enterprise Funds was at 75% and reported expenditures to be at 64%.

Councilor Casey asked a question regarding the General Fund Revenue License and Fees being at 134% and asked if the low available balance amounts for Parks, Library and Museum would be enough to finish out the fiscal year.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that the 134% was due to construction permits for repair of roofs and vehicles and stated that the amounts in Parks, Library and Museum would be enough for the rest of the fiscal year, she added that the report indicated that Parks had used 70% of their budget which normally would be at 75%.

Councilor Casey asked if the YAFL program would be budgeted for next year and stated that the program should be budgeted and available to the children in town so they do not have to travel to Santa Fe, which created hardships for the families last year.

Interim City Manager Gallegos believed it was due to not having enough teams although would follow up on that matter.

Councilor Howell asked if there was a GRT fund set aside specifically for Dee Bibb Industrial Park and asked if there were plans for use of the funds.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that there was not a dedicated GRT although there were funds dedicated solely for the Dee Bibb Industrial Park in the amount of approximately \$400,000.00. She informed that she had not received any plans or requests for Dee Bibb, other than a property that needed drainage repair and that there was a contractor currently working on a plan for drainage.

Councilor Howell stated that he believed the Dee Bibb fund amount to be \$750,00.00 at one time.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that monies that go into that fund were from sale of the lots and that the project had been ongoing for 20-30 years, development of roads had taken place and utilities had been put in for accessibility for developers.

Interim City Manager Gallegos informed that \$50,000.00 had been taken out in order for the engineer to work on plans for drainage and site improvements and that it would be brought back to Mayor and Council on how to proceed.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Resolution #18-17 Authorizing the lease of a small parcel of property located in the rear of the Harold Ledoux Fire Station by American Tower.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 18-17 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 18-17**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A SMALL PARCEL
OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE HAROLD LEDOUX
FIRE STATION BY AMERICAN TOWER**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico is the record owner of certain property located at 604 Legion Dr, Las Vegas, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, American Tower desires to lease this portion of land belonging to the Fire Department located at 604 Legion Dr., for use of a Cell Phone tower.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-54-1A, NMSA 1978; and to City of Las Vegas Resolution No. 06-08 approved on February 15, 2006, the City Council of the City of Las Vegas desires to lease said parcel of land; and

WHEREAS, there has been an appraisal of the lease property which indicates that said property is valued at less than \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lease is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A;
and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has formally recommended the approval of this Lease by the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council, the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico hereby resolves that:

1. The property to be Leased is not needed for any City purpose.
2. Subject to the provisions of Section 3-54-1A, NMSA 1978 and City of Las Vegas Resolution No. 06-08, the Mayor of the City of Las Vegas is authorized to sign the Lease Agreement with American Tower, owner of the Cell Phone Tower which Lease is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, for the following described parcel of land:

See Exhibit "B" attached for legal description

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018.

Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Danelle J. Smith, City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Conduct a public hearing and Approval/Disapproval to adopt Ordinance No. 18-02 amending Lodgers Tax Increase from 4% to 5%.

Councilor Casey made a motion to go into Public Hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Ordinance 18-02 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS
CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 18-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LODGERS TAX ORDINANCE, MUNICIPAL CODE § 389-4 TO INCREASE THE TAX IMPOSED FROM 4 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT AND MAKE CERTAIN TYPOGRAPHICAL AND GRAMMATICAL CORRECTIONS; ADOPTING A NEW SUBSECTION 389-15(B) MUNICIPAL CODE, TO REQUIRE THAT 1/5 OF ALL TAXES COLLECTED UNDER THE CODE BE USED TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF TOURIST-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; AND REDESIGNATING FORMER SUBSECTION 389-15(B) AS 389-15(C).

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas imposed an occupancy tax of gross taxable rent for lodging paid to vendors within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lodgers Tax board recommends an increase the Lodger's Tax, from 4% to 5%; and,

WHEREAS, the 1% increase of the proceeds shall be used solely for tourism-related infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the increase will improve and assist with the City of Las Vegas' economic development.

NOW THEREFORE,

Be it ordained that Lodger's Tax Ordinance is amended by the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, to include the following,

§ 389-4 Imposition of tax.

There is hereby imposed an occupancy tax of 5% of gross taxable rent for lodging paid to vendors within the City.

§ 389-15 Use of monies.

A.

The City shall use 1/2 of the proceeds of the first 3% of the tax and not less than 1/4 of the proceeds from the tax in excess of 3% only for advertising, publicizing and promoting tourist-related attractions, facilities and events. The proceeds from this portion of the tax shall be used within two years of the close of the fiscal year in which they were collected and shall not be accumulated beyond that date or used for any other purpose.

B.

The City shall use no less than 1/5 of all monies collected to defray the costs of establishing, operating, purchasing, constructing, otherwise acquiring, reconstructing, extending, improving, equipping, furnishing or acquiring real property or any interest in real property for the site or grounds for facilities and attractions or transportation systems specifically tourist-related of the municipality, or county in which the municipality is located.

C.

The City may use the balance of the proceeds of the tax to defray the cost of:

(1)

Collecting and otherwise administering the tax, including the performance of audits required by the Lodgers' Tax Act and this article, pursuant to guidelines issued by the Department of Finance and Administration of the State of New Mexico.

(2)

Establishing, operating, purchasing, constructing, otherwise acquiring, reconstructing, extending, improving, equipping, furnishing or acquiring real property or any interest in real property for the site or grounds for tourist-related facilities, attraction or transportation systems of the City.

(3)

The principal of and interest on any prior redemption premiums due in connection with and any other charges pertaining to revenue bonds authorized by NMSA 1978, § 3-38-23 or 3-38-24.

(4)

Advertising, publicizing and promoting tourist-related attractions, facilities and events of the City and tourist facilities or attractions within the area.

(5)

Providing police and fire protection and sanitation service for tourist-related events, facilities and attraction located in the City; or

(6)

Any combination of the foregoing purposes or transactions stated in the section.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS DAY _____ OF _____
2018.**

ATTEST

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

TONITA GURULÉ-GIRÓN, MAYOR

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:**

City Legal Representative

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez advised anyone who wished to speak on the issue, to stand and be sworn in. Virginia Marrujo and Joaquin Garofalo were sworn in.

Media Coordinator Virginia Marrujo advised that the City of Las Vegas Lodgers Tax Advisory board was regulated by NMSA Lodgers Tax Act 3038-13-3-38-24, NMSA 6-6-4.1, and by City of Las Vegas Ordinance Chapter 389-1 to 389-18. City council is charged with administering the funds and the board is to make recommendations for the expenditure of funds authorized pursuant to this article for advertising, publicizing and promoting tourist related attractions, facilities and events in the City.

Councilor Howell asked if there had been any feedback from business owners regarding the tax increase.

Media Coordinator Marrujo advised that there had been positive feedback from several business owners and that they were in support of the increase.

Councilor Howell asked if the Lodger's Tax Board had a plan in place for the extra funding.

Lodger's Tax Board member Joaquin Garofalo advised that they currently had a request recommended to the Governing Body to move forward on the "Wayfinding" project for the City, perhaps in multiple phases and added they would be placed in the center of the city, the additional two off ramps and expand into Hot Springs Boulevard, New Mexico Avenue and the Riverwalk as well.

Councilor Howell asked asked if the funding that was left over from Cisneros Design was being used towards the "Wayfinding" project.

Mr. Garofalo advised that the funding was being used currently for plans to begin the project.

Councilor Howell questioned the distribution of funds to the non-profit organizations.

Media Coordinator Marrujo advised that the non-profit organizations had made presentations to the Lodger's Tax Board and the board made recommendations on the funding amount given for marketing. She advised that starting the new fiscal year, they would be implementing the RFP process for marketing.

Discussion took place regarding the process of notifying non-profits of RFPs.

Councilor Howell asked when the next Lodger's Tax was scheduled for.

Mr. Garofalo advised that is was tentatively scheduled for the end of May although would bring the budget to the Governing Body in the middle of May for recommendation in order to be in the position to allocate money for nonprofits, effective July 1st, in time for Summer events.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the record proper. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri,Jr.	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to close Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session. Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve to adopt Ordinance No. 18-02 amending Lodgers Tax Increase from 4% to 5%. Councilor Casey and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

2. Conduct a public hearing and Approval/Disapproval of application requesting a Restaurant Beer and Wine License with on Premise Consumption only with patio service submitted by 5th Grade Enterprises LLC, DBA B3-BBQ, Burgers & Beer, located at 131 Bridge Street, Las Vegas, NM 87701, Application No. 1081092.

Councilor Casey made a motion to go into Public Hearing. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez advised anyone who wished to speak on the issue, to stand and be sworn in. Joaquin Garofalo was sworn in.

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez advised that the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming division has reviewed the referenced application and granted preliminary approval. She advised that it had been forwarded to our Governing Body for consideration of the liquor license application. She stated that this same item was brought to Mayor and Council back in January 2017, requesting an application for a restaurant, beer and wine license with on premise consumption only with patio service which was presented by the 5th Grade Enterprises, LLC, DBA B-3 BBQ, Burgers and Beers and advised that Mr. Garofalo would explain the reason it was being brought back, after being approved.

Mr. Garofalo stated that according to state statute, any time there was an exchange of 9% or more, the license needed to be re-issued for the purpose of ownership and informed that their operating partner, Brian McGill had decided to purchase a percentage of the LLC that holds the license and the ownership of B-3 BBQ, Burgers and Beers.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the record proper. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to close Public Hearing and reconvene into Regular Session. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve of application requesting a Restaurant Beer and Wine License with on Premise Consumption only with patio service submitted by 5th Grade Enterprises LLC, DBA B3-BBQ, Burgers & Beer, located at 131 Bridge Street, Las Vegas, NM 87701, Application No. 1081092. Councilor

Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval to award RFP 2018-21, for the 2018, 2019, 2020 Annual Audit Services and enter into contract with Axiom CPAs and Business Advisors LLC.

Interim Finance Director Tana Vega advised that the City of Las Vegas requested audit proposals for the 2018, 2019, 2020 Audits. She stated that they were requesting review and final approval by Mayor and Council and that out of the six proposals received, Axiom came in with the highest score.

Councilor Casey advised that it had been stated in the information provided that Axiom had done work for the City before and wanted to know when.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that it was not while Mrs. Vega or herself have been here and added that the price was lower than it had been. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked who served on the ranking and rating panel.

Interim Finance Director Vega advised that Helen Vigil, Kenny Roybal and herself performed the ranking and rating process.

Councilor Casey made a motion to award RFP 2018-21, for the 2018, 2019, 2020 Annual Audit Services and enter into contract with Axiom CPAs and Business Advisors LLC. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Romero addressed Mayor, Council, City Employees and the community and stated that he was privileged and honored to have served the City for 8 years and that he made the decision to leave for the betterment of the City. He prayed that God would direct his son, David Romero as Councilor and he thanked the citizens of Las Vegas for everything they did for him.

Councilor Casey advised that she had requested the address of 1700 N. Grand be replaced with her home address on the website a year ago and that it had not been changed, and had missed some engagements for that reason and asked if it could be changed.

Councilor Casey informed of issues regarding the recycling business on the 700 block of Railroad Avenue and that their customers were parking in residential areas at the time of trash pick-up, not allowing residents to place their bins in that area so that Solid Waste may pick up. She requested that "No Parking" signs be put up in that area in order to avoid those issues.

Councilor Casey stated that she would miss Councilor Romero, that he had been a wonderful colleague and mentor, he knew a lot of background on the history of the Council. She advised that he had a lot of knowledge, he had been very open and was willing to share that knowledge and she greatly appreciated that. Council Casey stated that it had been her honor and pleasure and was fortunate to have worked with Councilor Romero.

Councilor Howell had the same feelings toward Councilor Romero, he stated that it had been a pleasure working and serving with him and that Councilor Romero had a lot of passion for helping out the City and looked forward to the next generation of the "Davids".

Councilor Howell stated that it was very important that we commit ourselves to watering the baseball fields in order to pass inspection by the District Judges as part of the preparation for the tournaments.

Councilor Howell asked the status regarding the MOU between the City and the County pertaining to addressing the opioid crisis and stated that the County had signed the agreement although the City had not.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that they were still working on the plan of action.

Interim Chief of Police Chris Lopez added that the MOU had been submitted to Attorney Danelle Smith for review.

Brief discussion took place on the importance of moving forward with addressing the opioid crisis in Las Vegas and of the City becoming part of the collaboration with other entities already involved.

Councilor Howell reminded that part of AWCs contract was to have meetings with the public and asked the status of that.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised they would set up a meeting with Mr. Poole, create an agenda and meet with the public, Mayor and Council and that some dialogue discussed would include the AWC budget.

Brief discussion took place regarding several issues regarding erosion, potholes and flooding.

Councilor Howell had questions regarding funding not being used to repair Keen Street.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that Keen Street was being looked at by NMDOT and nothing had been budgeted for street repairs on Keen Street.

Public Information Officer Lee Einer informed that Keen Street was part of the NMDOT grant for pouring of sidewalks, ADA compliance and repaving.

Councilor Howell congratulated Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. and stated that he looked forward to working with him for his two remaining years of his term.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. commended Councilor Romero for his 8 years of service and for the good job in making tough decisions and thanked him for everything he did. He thanked everyone for voting and stated he was there to bring this administration together in moving the City forward.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón congratulated Councilor Romero and wished him the best and also congratulated Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	No
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	No	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised that there was a tie.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón voted No and the tie was broken.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that the motion did not carry.

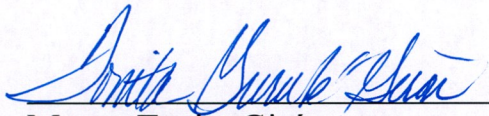
Councilor Howell advised that the discussion was regarding the lawsuit that was advertised on the newspaper and asked for a copy of the lawsuit.

Interim City Manager Gallegos advised that the documents were not releasable due to the case still being under litigation.

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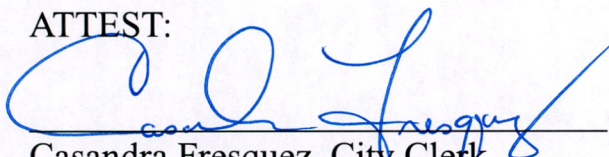
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk